(b) whethr the racket is connected with a Dubai based Smuggler known as "KD";

(c) the findings of the CBI in this regard; and

(d) the action, if any taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (PROF. M. KAMSON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The case is at the initial stage of investigation. Involvement of the suspects is yet to be ascertained. Appropriate action will be taken by the investigating agency in due course.

Openness in Government Functioning

650. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government functioning is mostly shrouded in secrecy and confidentiality, and there is neither any transparency nor any openness of its functioning;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to let the people of the country who are sovereign and from whom the country derives all its powers, know what the Government is doing; and

(c) whether non-transparency of Government facilities corruption, waste, inefficiency and all kinds of mal-practices and mal-administration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, the need to inform the people about the activities of the Government has to be balanced against the need to protect some information, the disclosur of which would not be in national/administrative interest. Recognising the need for transparency in the functioning of the Government, a large number of steps have been taken, over the years, towards simplification of rules and procedures which also include streamlining of the existing procedures, demystification of rules, simplification of various forms prescribed for obtaining services from governmental agencies etc.

संसाधित खाद्य वस्तुओं के निर्यातकों को राहत पैकेज का प्रस्ताव

651. **श्री कनकसिंह मोहन सिंह मंगरोला:** क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार संसाधित खाद्य वस्तुओं के निर्यातकों को कोई राहत पैकेज उपलब्ध कराने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या इस संबंध में भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक द्वारा जारी किए गए दिशा-निर्देशों का निर्यातकों द्वारा कड़ाई से पालन किया जाता है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और इन दिशा-निर्देशों का अनुपालन सुनिश्चित करने के लिए क्या उपाय किए गए हैं?

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के.पी. सिंह देव): (क) और (ख) खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय का विचार प्रसंस्कृत खाद्य निर्यातकों को कोई राहत पैकेज प्रदान करने का नहीं है।

(ग) और (घ) विदेशी मुद्रा विनियमन अधिनियम, 1973 में निर्यात से हुई आय की वसूली के लिए निर्धारित अवधि और वस्तुओं के निर्यात मूल्य के भुगतान की प्रक्रिया से संबंधित विनियत दिए गए हैं। निर्यातकों को निर्धारित फार्मों में अपने द्वारा किए जाने वाले निर्यात की घोषणा करनी होती है। निर्यात वसूली के लिए अनुवर्ती कार्रवाई की व्यवस्था, स्थल पर निरीक्षण और विवरणियों द्वारा ऑफ-साइट निगरानी आदि के मार्फत भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक अपने मार्गनिर्देशों का अनुपालन सुनिश्चित करता है।

Oman-India Gas Pipeline

652. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI MAULNA OBAI-DULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the proposed Oman-India gas pipeline;

(b) its estimated cost likely to be apportioned between India and Oman;

(c) whether the Oman Oil Company has rules out the possibility of purchasing 1150 km. of pipeline from Indian manufacturers; and

(d) its ultimate impact on the financial cost of the project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The detailed feasibility study for the Proposed Oman-India pipeline project is in progress.

(b) The Oman Oil Company has indicated that the investment in the project would be around USD 5 billion. The project is to be financed fully by Oman.

(c) and (d) The Oman Oil Company has shortlisted the suppliers who are capable of producing such pipes on the basis of their own assessment. No Indian manufacturer has been shortlisted for this purpose.

Identification of Polluted Industrial Units in Delhi

653. SHRI SARDA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the industrial units in Delhi which are causing pollution;

(b) if so, in what ways the industrial units are identified;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted;

(d) if so, the number of industrial units which are causing pollution in Delhi;

(e) whether these polluting units are being shifted out of Delhi; and

(f) if so, the action initiated thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (f) In Writ Petition No. 4677/85 M. C. Mehta Vs. Union of India and others, the Supreme Court has ordered on 24.03.1995 the shifting of 9038 industries out of Delhi. These consist of 8378 units presently located in non-conforming areas, 258 hazardous units, 77 medium and large units and 327 industries against whom action has been initiated by the Delhi Pollution Control Committee. No closure orders have been given in this directive. However, these industries would be required to stop functioning in the city of Delhi and be relocated elsewhere based on a case by case examination of the objections filed by each unit.

As per the directions of the Supreme Court, this examination has been completed by the Central Pollution Control Board. Their report has been filed in the Supreme Court on 8th January, 1996. The matter is sub-judice.

LPG Agencies in Madhya Pradesh

654. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of the places in Madhya Pradesh for which the approval for LPG agencies has been granted in 1994-95 and 1995-96 and the places for which proposals are under consideration;

(b) the names of those places in the Raigarh district of the State for which the proposals for providing LPG agencies have been approved together with the names of those places for which proposals are under consideration; and

(c) whether approval has been accorded to start any LPG agency in the Jashpur Nagar tehsil in the above district during 1994-95 if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) 104 LPG distributorships have been included in the LPG Marketing Plan 1994–96 for Madhya Pradesh. Out of the above, 3 LPG distributorships have been proposed for Raigarh District.

(c) No, Sir. Due to low potential, setting up of an LPG distributorship at Jashpur will not be economically viable at present.